



Charlotte City Council  
Intergovernmental Relations Committee  
Summary Minutes  
Oct. 14, 2020

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**COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS**

- I. Call to Order & Introductions
- II. Today's Meeting
- III. Nuisance Abatement (Regulation and Challenges)
- IV. Public Safety
- V. Councilmember Newton
- VI. Digital Divide
- VII. Housing
- VIII. October 19 Meeting
- IX. Committee Discussion
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**COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

**Committee Members Present:** Tariq Bokhari (Co-Chair), Braxton Winston (Co-Chair), Larken Egleston, James Mitchell

**Staff Resources:** Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office  
Tracy Dodson, City Manager's Office  
Federico Rios, Office of Equity, Mobility & Immigrant Integration  
Pam Wideman, Department of Housing & Neighborhood Services

**Meeting Duration:** 1:00 pm – 2:42 p.m.

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**DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS**

**Today's Meeting**

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss requests proposed for the City's state and federal legislative agendas and the Nuisance Abatement referral to the committee. The committee co-chairs provided opening remarks and framed the discussion topics.

**Nuisance Abatement (Regulation and Challenges)**

The City Attorney provided a summary of the City's ability to expedite the nuisance abatement process as specified in state statute. The City Attorney stated that there is not a need to seek amendments to the Nuisance Abatement statute at this time. Councilmember Watlington addressed concerns in her district regarding

violence that occurs in commercial areas including in and around establishments permitted to sell wine and beer, which may be addressed through the Nuisance Abatement process. There is not a legislative request for the committee to consider concerning the issue brought forward by Councilmember Watlington. Councilmember Mitchell requested information from the City Attorney on local ability to condemn boarded structures in corridors of opportunity. The City Attorney will respond directly to Councilmember Mitchell.

### **Public Safety**

The committee heard legislative requests from the Safe Communities Committee on expanding the role of the Civil Service Board to hear appeals of Citizens Review Board decisions and to Eliminate the Cash Bail Process, which are still undergoing vetting processes. Councilmember Winston presented his request for state funding to double the number of clinicians on the CMPD Crisis Response Team.

### **Councilmember Newton**

Councilmember Newton presented his requests for making changes to the definition of Able to Work in the Unemployment statute and supporting the federal Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act.

### **Digital Divide**

Councilmember Winston presented his request for adding support for federal resources to expand broadband opportunities to the federal legislative agenda and proposal for helping low-income people in urban areas with paying for internet subscriptions to the state legislative agenda.

### **Housing**

Councilmember Johnson presented a request to add support for state legislation allowing Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning ordinances to be adopted by local governments. Committee was briefed on several state and federal legislative requests that were recommended by the Great Neighborhoods to the City Council concerning Low-Income Tax Credits, Eviction Relief – Post Judgement, Eviction Relief – Credit Reporting, Fair Housing – Source of Income Discrimination, and Fair Housing – Reentry.

### **October 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Staff outlined goal for the next meeting for the committee to propose state and federal legislative agendas.

### **Committee Discussion**

Seasoned Council members provided insight and feedback on strategy for working with the delegation.

### **Upcoming Opportunities**

None to report

### **Upcoming Committee Meeting**

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19 at 2 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.